

# National Preservation Month 2007

## Event or Celebration in May

### Back of the Moon

Thursday, May 24, 2007

8:00 p.m.

Diana Wortham Theatre at Pack Place

Regular \$28; Senior/Student \$26; Children 12 and under \$10

The performance by Back of the Moon on May 24th at the Diana Wortham Theatre is part of the Mainstage Celtic Series which recognizes and preserves this region's ties to our Scots-Irish heritage through presenting premier Celtic groups. Back of the Moon delivers a giant acoustic sound born from a tightly woven frontline of Scottish border pipes and fiddle, an intimate pairing of low whistle and flute, the distinctive rhythmic force of its guitar/piano rhythm combo, and awesome three-part vocal harmonies. At times augmented by bodhran and Cape Breton-style step dancing, this quartet delivers new and traditional tunes and songs cast in fresh, modern arrangements.

*For More Information:*

Diana Wortham Theatre Box office  
828.257.4530

[www.dwtheatre.com](http://www.dwtheatre.com) or  
[www.backofthemoon.co.uk](http://www.backofthemoon.co.uk)

Presented by: Diana Wortham  
Theatre's Mainstage  
Celtic Series

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### Black Mountain Hiking Festival

Saturday, May 05, 2007

9:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m

The non-alcoholic festival will take place on Sutton Avenue in historic downtown Black Mountain and will feature 50 booths of arts, crafts and food vendors

Free

The festival on Saturday will feature an array of arts and crafts, food and entertainment. Guided hikes will be offered throughout the day to nearby scenic areas. The one-day festival is in conjunction with the Great Southeastern Hiking Festival, a national conference presented by the American Hiking Society at the Montreat Conference Center, May 3-6

*For More Information:*

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828-669-6998 or  
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[www.exploreblackmountain.com](http://www.exploreblackmountain.com).

Presented by: Black Mountain-  
Swannanoa  
Chamber of  
Commerce

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### Dedication of the recently reconstructed and restored Little Snowball Mountain Fire Tower

Saturday, May 05, 2007

Big Ivy Historical Park, 540  
Dillingham Road

Free

This 1934 structure now stands on the grounds of the Big Ivy Historical Park on Dillingham Road. The dedication ceremony begins at 2:00 PM, followed by a Ramp Festival offering traditional recreation, exhibits, and tours of the pre-Civil War Henry Stevens Carson Cabin, detached kitchen and springhouse, and of the rebuilt 1899 one-room Carson School House. Storytellers will relate historical facts and legends while archaeologists describe ancient Native American life and culture in the mountains of Western North Carolina. A cookout of game and other foods will be available, along with a "Poor Man's Supper."

*For More Information:*

Denny Dillingham, President  
[DennyD1@aol.com](mailto:DennyD1@aol.com)

[www.bihs.us](http://www.bihs.us)

Presented by: Big Ivy Historical  
Society

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## Digital Preservation: "Living in a City of Bits"

Friday, May 25, 2007

UNCA

Free

A digital preservation management workshop for those who intend to implement a digital preservation program at their library, archive, history society, city planning office, or other cultural institution. The workshop will provide a forum to stimulate conversation and critical awareness of the technological realm that is now charged with preserving and recording our physical context. The workshop will provide practical advice and will bring together experts in the field to discuss current informed best practices and how we may all become better stewards of digital preservations.

*For More Information:*

Helen Wykle hwykle@unca.edu

toto.lib.unca.edu

Presented by: UNCA Asheville -  
D.H. Ramsey Library

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## Fourth Annual Montford Music and Arts Festival

Saturday, May 19, 2007

All Day

Historic Montford, on Montford Avenue between Cullowhee and Wanetta

Free

The Montford Music and Arts Festival is a gem among Asheville festivals. It presents quality local musicians, juried artists selling their wares, showcases nonprofits, provides children's activities and great food. In the heart of the Montford neighborhood, it celebrates the diversity and talents of this National and local historic district (1890-1925).

*For More Information:*

Sharon Fahrer fahrer@charter.net or 828.777.1014

www.montford.org

Presented by: Montford  
Neighborhood  
Association and City  
of Asheville Parks  
and Recreation

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## History Alive Festival 2007

Saturday, May 26, 2007

All Day

Smith McDowell House Museum  
Located on the A-B Tech College  
Campus

Festival Free to the Public. Free  
Parking Guided House tours every  
15 minutes \$2 per person.

Two-day festival celebrating regional history and culture and presenting crafters, demonstrators, reenactors, food, music & a children's area. The Children's area consists of American Girl Plays emceed by Janet Shaw, Author of the Kirsten and Kaya book series from American Girl, as well as a boy scout component, historic games, and hands-on activities such as churning butter, washing clothes and shucking corn for children to experience.

*For More Information:*

Tammy Walsh  
twalsh@wnchistory.org

Presented by: Smith McDowell  
House Museum and  
the Western North  
Carolina Historical  
Association

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## Multi-Family Homecoming

Saturday, May 19, 2007

To be determined, location within  
the Swannanoa Valley

Free

A gathering of families whose roots go back more than 100 years in the Swannanoa Valley, each with its own tent/display, to share memorabilia, stories, photos, food, fun, gossip and more--all in celebration of their unique heritage in the Swannanoa Valley

*For More Information:*

Jill Jones, Director, Swannanoa  
Valley Museum, 828.669.9566

www.swannanoavalleymuseum.org

Presented by: Swannanoa Valley  
Museum

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## Riverfront Bus Tour: The Past, Present, and Future of Our Rivers

Saturday, May 05, 2007

1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

This tour is free for RiverLink members. Non-members cost \$15.00 per person. Lunch is not provided but you can bring your own. Reservations Required.

Tour the French Broad and Swannanoa Rivers with RiverLink and witness their magic first hand. This is an opportunity to see the improvements that have occurred and hear what is coming over the next several months and years to make our rivers a better place to live, work, and play

*For More Information:*

828.252.8474 x118 or  
volunteer@riverlink.org

www.riverlink.org

Presented by: RiverLink

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## Riverfront Bus Tour: The Past, Present, and Future of Our Rivers

Thursday, May 17, 2007

12:00-2:00 p.m.

This tour is free for RiverLink members. Non-members cost \$15.00 per person. Lunch is not provided but you can bring your own. Reservations Required.

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## Month-Long Celebrations

**2007 Graduate Student  
Exhibition Haywood  
Community College  
Professional Crafts Program**

Daily M-S 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Su  
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Grove Arcade ARTS & Heritage  
Gallery

Grove Arcade

Exhibit and gallery are FREE

The Professional Crafts Program of Haywood Community College was begun in 1974 in recognition of the strong heritage of craft in Western North Carolina. The college wanted to create a place where students could learn the basics of their craft media as well as how to transform that craft into a business. The 16 graduates of 2007 will be represented in this exhibit of fiber, wood, clay and jewelry

*For More Information:*

Karen Kennedy

Director / Grove Arcade ARTS &  
Heritage Gallery

[www.grovearcade.com](http://www.grovearcade.com)

Presented by: Grove Arcade ARTS  
& Heritage Gallery

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**Black Mountain Homecoming  
Exhibit**

Upper Gallery, Black Mountain  
Center for the Arts

Free

The Upper Gallery will show the works of two dozen artists who have had exhibits in the Black Mountain Center for the Arts over the last seven years since the Arts Center opened in the beautifully renovated Old City Hall in historic Downtown Black Mountain

*For More Information:*

Gale Jackson

[www.blackmountainarts.org](http://www.blackmountainarts.org)

Presented by: Black Mountain  
Center for the Arts

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**The Family Store, a History of  
Jewish Businesses in Downtown  
Asheville From 1880-1990**

Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00 a.m. -  
5:00 p.m and Sundays, 1:00 - 5:00  
p.m.

Pack Place Gallery

Free

Many Jewish families can trace a long history in Appalachia, yet little documentation exists on the prominent role of Jewish merchants in the development of downtown Asheville, the largest community in western North Carolina. That situation is changed thanks to The Family Store, a History of Jewish Businesses in Downtown Asheville from 1880-1990. This twelve panel exhibit through narrative, old photographs and ephemera, shows a downtown of purpose before the advent of shopping malls

*For More Information:*

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828.777.1014

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Presented by: City Seeds, Inc and  
History@Hand, LLC

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**One Time Event**

**Buncombe County  
Commissioners Proclaim May as  
Preservation Month**

Tuesday, May 01, 2007

4:30 p.m.

County Courthouse

*For More Information:*

Presented by:

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**Confederate Memorial Day  
Service**

Saturday, May 12, 2007

2:00 p.m.

Smith McDowell House

Free

Memorial service honoring those who  
died during the war between the states

*For More Information:*

Tammy Walsh  
[twalsh@wnchistory.org](mailto:twalsh@wnchistory.org)

Presented by: Zeb Vance Camp 15  
Sons of Confederate  
Veterans and  
Chapter 105 of  
United Daughters of  
the Confederacy

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**Douglas Ellington Brown Bag  
Lunch Discussion**

Friday, May 18, 2007

12:15-1:15 p.m.

Asheville Art Museum

Free for Asheville Art Museum  
Members and Members of the  
Buncombe County Heritage Council,  
All others free with Museum  
Admission

What's it like to live or work in an  
Ellington Building? The Museum will  
present images of Ellington buildings,  
speakers will include a current resident of  
an Ellington building and Stacy Merten,  
Asheville's Historic Resources  
Commission Director. Participants are  
encouraged to bring lunch and ask  
questions during this informal discussion.

*For More Information:*

Nancy Sokolove, Adult Programs  
Manager, 828.253.3227 x 120

[www.ashevilleart.org](http://www.ashevilleart.org)

Presented by: Asheville Art  
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## Griffin Award Presentation

*For More Information:*

Presented by: Preservation Society  
of Asheville &  
Buncombe Co

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### **Mayor Terry Bellamy and Asheville City Council proclaim May as Preservation Month**

Tuesday, May 08, 2007

5:00 p.m.

City Hall

Free

*For More Information:*

Presented by: City Council

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### **Opening of "The Family Store" exhibit featuring guest speaker Brenda Lilly**

Sunday, May 06, 2007

2:00 p.m.

Pack Place Gallery

Free

Asheville native Brenda Lunsford Lilly will be the featured speaker at the re-opening of "The Family Store: A History of Jewish Businesses of Downtown Asheville, 1880 - 1990." Ms. Lilly was the co-creator and writer and the executive producer of "State of Grace," a family drama on the ABC Family Channel.

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## Sondley Award Presentation

*For More Information:*

Presented by: Asheville/Buncombe  
Historic Resources  
Commission

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## **Ongoing**

### **Montford AutoRickshaw Historic Tours**

Montford Historic District

\$25.00 for two people approx 1  
hour tour

Historic tours of history and architecture  
of Montford and downtown Asheville in  
an authentic AutoRickshaw from India

*For More Information:*

Trace Bates 828.280.6302  
traceb@charter.net

Presented by: Trace Bates

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## **Year Round Opportunities**

## **Grove Arcade Self-Guided Architectural and Historical Tour of the Building**

Daily 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Grove Arcade

One Page Avenue, Downtown  
Asheville

Download for free or purchase a  
copy for a nominal cost at the Grove  
Arcade ARTS & Heritage Gallery,  
Suite 115

The Grove Arcade, one of Asheville's  
architectural jewels, is a fanciful building  
that was envisioned by E.W. Grove, the  
creator of the Grove Park Inn. Located  
at the heart of Battery Hill, the Arcade  
incorporates many architectural styles  
and served as one of the leading  
commercial buildings in the city during  
the 1930s. It was closed to the public in  
1942 and remained inaccessible until  
public support grew for a return to its  
original function. It was historically  
renovated and reopened in 2002. The  
free, downloadable building tour takes  
approximately 40 minutes to complete  
and provides background and history  
about E.W. Grove and Asheville and  
takes visitors around the building  
highlighting specific architectural features.

*For More Information:*

Karen Kennedy

Karen@grovearcade.com

www.grovearcade.com

Presented by: Grove Arcade ARTS  
& Heritage Gallery

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## **Thomas Wolfe Memorial, Tours of the Old Kentucky Home**

Visitor Center is open Tues-Sat, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. .

Tours run at the bottom of every hour until 4:30 p.m.

Thomas Wolfe Memorial, 52 N. Market St. Asheville, NC

\$1.00 for adults/\$.50 for students and children

Tour the childhood home of one of North Carolina's most famous authors. The house serves as the backdrop of Thomas Wolfe's most famous novel, *Look Homeward, Angel* and is fully restored to its 1916 appearance following a devastating fire in 1998

*For More Information:*

Patrick Willis, 828.253.8304 or [contactus@wolfememorial.com](mailto:contactus@wolfememorial.com)

<http://www.wolfememorial.com>

Presented by: Thomas Wolfe Memorial

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## **Urban Trail Tours**

Pack Place, Asheville, North Carolina

Self-guided any time. Guided tours available Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. April through October or at other times by reservation, \$5.00 per person

The 1.7 mile Asheville Urban Trail is an art museum without walls, a walk through time, an opportunity to examine the rich architecture and the unique art in public places, to enjoy neighborhoods and learn about the people and events that have given Asheville its distinctive flair.

*For More Information:*

Don Inlay ([inlay976@charter.net](mailto:inlay976@charter.net)) or 828.258.3234

[http://www.urbantrails.net/asheville\\_nc/urban.html](http://www.urbantrails.net/asheville_nc/urban.html)

Presented by: Urban Trail Association

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## **Walking Tours of downtown Asheville, The Family Store, the history of Jewish businesses in Downtown Asheville 1880-1990**

Saturdays and Sundays at 1:00 p.m. and other times by appointment.

Tours are by reservation and leave from the front of the BB&T building on Pack Square

\$18.00 per adult \$10.00 for students

Step back in time to glimpse the history of Asheville and the development of downtown through the stories of its over 435 Jewish merchants. Tours must be booked in advance

*For More Information:*

Sharon Fahrer 828.777.1014

[www.history-at-hand.com](http://www.history-at-hand.com) click on tours

Presented by: History-at-Hand

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## **Walking Tours of historic Montford and Riverside Cemetery**

Fridays thru Mondays at 10:00 and by appointment

Tours are by reservation and leave from Montford Park (across from Watauga Street on Montford Avenue.

Step back in time to glimpse the history of Asheville. Come along on a walking architecture/history tour of historic Montford which includes a surprise visit to a bed and breakfast inn and garden. Tours are also available of elegantly landscaped Riverside cemetery. Tours must be booked in advance

*For More Information:*

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[www.history-at-hand.com](http://www.history-at-hand.com) or <http://www.history-at-hand.com/montfordtours.php>

Presented by: Montford Arts Center

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